Kara Meyer, 6, of Montezuma, received her guardian angel wings on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2014, at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma. Burial was held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Visitation was Sunday, June 1, 2014 at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma with the family present from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kara Meyer Memorial Fund to be used for a scholarship in her name.

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Child injured in ATV accident

By James Jennings
Publisher

A 6-year-old girl is in critical but stable condition after a Monday morning ATV accident.

Kara Meyer, the daughter of Jason and Jodi Meyer, was airlifted from Grinnell Regional Medical Center to the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital following the accident.

Emergency crews were called to the scene near 510th Street around 9 a.m., Monday.

According to an email message from Jodi Meyer, Kara and her younger brother, Jacob, rode with their father on his Ranger to a field where some of their cows had gotten out.

Once the cattle were back where they were supposed to be, Jason Meyer stopped on the side of the road to re-lock the gate.

At that moment, the Ranger rolled down the shoulder, pinning Kara under the roll bar.

“Jason tried with all his power to lift the Ranger, but couldn’t,” Jodi Meyer wrote.

Jason Meyer called 911, and his daughter was rescued from under the ATV.

Jodi Meyer encouraged Kara’s classmates to write her at:
Kara Meyer
University of Iowa Children’s Hospital
PICU
200 Hawkins Dr.
Iowa City, IA 52242

In addition, a Facebook page called “Prayers for Kara” has been activated and a CaringBridge page is being set up at: http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/karameyer.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Kara Meyer Memorial Fund to be used for a scholarship in her name. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefund.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

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By James Jennings

Hundreds of people gathered on Court Street Square in Montezuma Sunday night to honor Kara Meyer and support their family.

More than 200 pink balloons, many carrying messages, were released prior to the candlelight vigil that honored the 6-year-old who died Wednesday, May 28, from injuries sustained in a freak ATV accident on Memorial Day. 

The vigil, to raise awareness to ATV safety and child passenger safety, started at 8 p.m. Saturday night and ended with a release of the balloons on Sunday night.

As soon as word began to spread about the accident last week, a grassroots effort began to gather support for the Meyer family.

Donations can be made to the Iowa Lions and the Heartland Family Foundation. People have beenrouded to the Heartland Family Foundation to seek help for the Meyer family.

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The Meyer family is grateful for the outpouring of support. They are thankful for the community's support and hope to continue to spread awareness in the future.